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**The Hope Institute for Children and Families
awarded three-year CARF accreditation.**

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Springfield - The Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) International announced that The Hope Institute for Children and Families has been accredited for a period of three years for its Behavioral Consultation, Community Housing and Shelters and Congregate Care programs serving children and adolescents. This is the first accreditation that CARF has awarded to The Hope Institute for Children and Families.

"This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the CARF standards," said Dr. Joseph E. Nyre, President and CEO of The Hope Institute. "An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable, and accountable. We are proud to receive this designation."

The Hope Institute for Children and Families is a nonprofit organization providing residential, educational and health care services to children with multiple disabilities, the majority with an autism spectrum disorder. Each year, The Hope Institute impacts 29,000 Illinois children and their families from Rockford to Cairo. It has been providing residential, educational and health care services to children with multiple disabilities since 1957.

CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

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